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Wyo. Department of Transportation trains at Camp Guernsey

CAMP GUERNSEY, Wyo.— The Wyoming Department of Transportation received howitzer training at Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center last week.

Approximately six members of the Wyoming Department of Transportation's WYO 22 Avalanche Team, out of Jackson received refresher training on how to aim and shoot a 105 mm howitzer. The team is responsible for keeping the highway over Teton Pass open through the winter. They were instructed on methods of direct fire, firing at a high angle for difficult situations, and what charge they would need to fire at a target.

"The team requested the Wyoming Army National Guard give additional training on the howitzer," said Master Sgt. Bill Frost, 213th Regiment operations sergeant and chief field artillery instructor. "Training included how to use manuals properly to determine firing data for direct fire of an object or location. The team is also required to do this annually."

The avalanche team was developed in January 1940 due to the number of avalanches closing highways, and railroads. Avalanches stopped the shipment of food, freight, and mail into the Jackson area, and other alternative routes were often closed for days due to snow slides.

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Members of the media wishing pictures of the training can email @ tim.marquez@wy.ngb.army.mil.